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In re new U.S. patent application of : Attn: Box PCT (DO/EO/US)
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For: Increasing The Wet Slippage Properties Of Textile Material
And Wet-Acting Lubricants For This Purpose

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please
amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-10, 14, 16, and 19 as follows:

1. A method for the treatment of textile piece goods in rope form or tubular form with a textile treatment agent (T) by an exhaust process from aqueous liquor under conditions which would otherwise in the textile substrate favour the formation of transport folds and/or the occurrence of friction in or on the substrate comprising the steps of:
providing textile piece goods; and
applying (P_A) water-dispersible or colloiddally soluble polyamides which contain hydrophilic polyalkylene glycol ether chains in the skeletal structure as wet-acting lubricants.
2. A method for the treatment of textile piece goods in rope form or tubular form with a textile treatment agent (T) by an exhaust process from aqueous liquor under conditions which would otherwise in the textile substrate favour the formation of transport folds and/or the occurrence of friction in or on the substrate according to Claim 1, characterised in that (P_A) is a polyamide made from difunctional compounds (D), and optionally monofunctional compounds (E) which are suitable for the end

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